POSTALS TO ST. NICK

They Express in the Main Great Desires for Toys and Fireworks.

PATHETIC AND HUMOROUS.

Some of the Missives Reflect Much Credit Upon the Little Writers, and All Are Characteristic of the Jave-

So is Santa Claus, A large number of the little folks complied with our request and wrote good old Santa of their Carlstmas wants. The col-lection of postal cards received Please bring lection of postal cards received at this office addressed to St. Nick was as big as it was varied. They came as epistles from little people, big people, children who were at school, children who were well advanced in their classes, and whildren who had be a real base. children who had not yet been long enough acquainted with Santa to have Dear Santa Clause:
had many of the advantages of the Please send me a writing Desk, Rubber had many of the advantages of the school-room.

The postals, taken as a whole, are exrecdingly interesting. Some of them are very amusing; others are pathetle and beautiful, displaying all the emotions of the juvenile heart. Santa Claus will scan their contents with a deep sense of appreciation. He likes for the small folk to be unselfish, and will no doubt be as generous to those who ask for little as he will to those who present requests for tong lists of toyo.

The Dispatch regrets that it could not print a number of communications sent in letter form instead of on postal cards, and that even a number of postals not properly signed had to be thrown out. Here are the contents of the postals for warded to Santa Claus, care this office, in accordance with our instructions-they are interesting reading for people of all classes, ages, and conditions in life:

Staunton, Va., Dec. 18, 1895.

Dear Santa Claus:

Everybody says that you are very poor and that times are so hard this year that I must not expect you to bring me much, but I know you won't forget me. I went you to bring me lots of things, candy, nots, games, books, a portfolio, etc. You will find a tree in the library, end my stocking hung by the maniel plece. I hope you will see this in The Dispatch. Please don't fail to bring me as much as you always do. Your aff ate little girl, AMY CATLETT. . . .

Staunton, Va., December 18, 1895. dear Santa Claus: wrote you a letter last Christmas

and am so much obliged for the nice things you brought me. There are a few things I want this Christmas, please bring me some books. I love to get up the morning and get my stocking which you have filled, and the Christmastree is just spiendid. I will hang my stocking on the mantel piece in the room next to mine up stairs. Your devoted little friend ELIZABETH CATLETT.

Dear Santa Clause:

Dear Santa Clause:

I have written a heap of notes to you and sent them up the chimney. I am atraid you did not get them, so I will write this postal in care of the Dispatch. Pleaze bring me a large doil baby Laying in the bed & a doil's carriage & a nice doils tea sets a suit of chamber furniture a little plano & I reckon yu will think that is enough for a little will think that is enough for a little girl 5 yr old. I will go to bed early that night. Don't forget me please, Santa Clause. LUCY MURRY OWENS.

Albemarle Co.

Dear Santa Claus: I'm a little girl 4 years old. please & a big box of candy, and 5 packs of crackers. And Dear Santa I am 7 years old, and I want you to bring me a big horn, a bicycle, & a bell, and oh! 6 packs pop crackers, a platol & 12 boxes of

LILLIAN AND BLAKE CARTER.

Dear Santa Claus—
Please bring me a ring in a box, big
Coll, little with long clothes, a nice picture book a game of old Maid, a muff,
a pair of kid gloves, a feather to put in
my brown hat, a doll's hat, some candy,
orange, figs—and a long string of thumbs, oo I'il stop sucking my thumb, and a tea-set. Your little friend ELIZABETH.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me this Christmas a baby-house, some silver, a little desk, a doil, a table for babyhouse, churn, a set of tin things for kitchen, a big glass pitcher, cup, a vase, a tablecloth for babyhouse, beaureau, two picture-frames, and a pugdog. Goodbye yours affectionately GWENDOLYNE M. RUTHERFORD.

Dear Santa Clause: I am a little bit of a girl 2 yrs old but am expecting Santa just the same. I want a big deli like sisters & a blue tea want a big doll like sisters & a blue tea sets & a buly carriage & a doll's cap & hat & I hope you will not think that is too much for me I will go to bed that soon in the morning & do not forget my sweet Mary. I have sent a lot of letters up the chimney but they would come back sister said you were not at home. GRACE OWENS.

Dear Santa Chuse

I am real tired have just come from school-but I will write you a few lines
I am afraid you will forget me, there are so many children how, can you remember them all, please dress my big doil real pretty for me & bring me a doll dressed in long clothes open & shut her eyes.
It some books to read. I am the year old but I dont think I am too large to have dolls, and a lot of them, Mother says she wishes I could stay a little girlall the time & so do I. for you dont come to see large girls do you. I wont ask you for anything more-but the toys you have If the time & so up 1. io.

a see large girls do you. I wont ask you
or anything more—but the toys you have
or me please give the poor little children
the have none. your little friend,
MABEL BEARD,
The stant Hill. Chestnut Hill.

Dear Old Santa Clause:
Please send me and my little sister
Mamye a doll baby each that can go to
sieep and a carriage & tea set & side
board and stove and some wandy and
Buts and please dont forget my brothers
Doe and Eddle From Little
LENA SCHARDT,
204 Orleans street Fulton

204 Orients street, Fulton.

Richmond, Va., Dec 18, 1895.

Dear Santa Claus:

Last Christmas I wrote to you to bring me a Tom cat but I did not get him so please dear Santa Claus bring me a big Biliy goat and Wagon, and I will treat him good and I will not let him but you when you come next Christmas, and I will let him sleep by my bedside when it gets too cold, please to bring me a tool box and a ship and a horn and a Christmas tree, stocking well filled with candy, nuts and other good things also poperackers and fireworks good bye Dear Santa Claus Your little friend,

WILLIE RURGE,

I am a little boy two years and a half bid and would like you to bring me a bicycle a drum a horse a baby carriage and baby a horn a train and any thing bise you think I could play with and also lots of toys for my little brother

The Dispatch's Children Write Old Santa

About Their Wants.

A VARIETY OF EPISTLES.

Dear Santa Claus:

A mery Xmas for you I hope you will not forget me Papa read in the Dispatch that you were coming to Richmond, and that the children must write you a letter Some say they will not ask for much but I want all I can get. I go to school every day & read in my books about you You must be a "Grand Old Man." Good bye

NORMA THORPE

They Kidness in the Main Great Desires

Dear Santa Clous:

I am A very little Girl and I wont
ask for much I wish you would please
bring me A pretty little Doll and A
Raiter and some candy and I will try
and be A good little Girl untill next
Christmas and then I will be larger and
will want you to bring me more from will want you to bring me more from your little Friend. RUBY H. ROWE. 383 Wmsburg Ave

Richmond, Va., December 18 1835.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a iron canon and a foot ball The Dispatch is proud of its children.
So is Santa Claus. A large number of the little folks complied with our request

I want a iron canon and a loot band and a kindle and a sum poperackers, but only one bunch of them I want sum other kind of fireworks and a conacoup full of candy if you please. Your friend, EDWIN EZEKIEL.

Dec 18th 1895

R. ELLYSON EWELL.

Boots, & express wagon.

JOHN C. RUSSELL, Jr. Also send Brother Willie a sleigh & Rubber Boots, sister Maggie a Doll. Please dont forget Poperackers, & candys.

Dear Old Santa Claus:

I hope you will bring sister & I some toys dolls a scrap book and a nice litter organ or piano we don't think that two much to ask for do you your little friends EDNA & RUTH UMLAUF.

Dre 18 1855 . . .

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a Rubber ball Gun.
& Magie-Lantern, Box of paint, A pretty
Book. Some pop Crackers. & A game
Bring my little Brother Page a lot of
nice things.

LAWRENCE MAUCK
12 E. Leigh street. 712 E. Leigh street.

Dear Old Santa Claus:
I read the kird Notice in Dispatch and Hastened to answer, Dear Santa Claus, We would like a Double Book Bag with Our Initial Worked on same and a Work Basket a Pair of Scissors a Doll dressed in a Silk Dress a Work Basket a Tex. Set and a Pair of Gloves, some Candy and Pop Crackers and I will try and be a Good Girl. MAMIE STAUDE
1999 west main street rich mornd

1200 west main street rich mornd Richmond Va., Dec. 18th, 1895
Dear Mr. Santa Claus:
Please be so good an bring sister Gertrude an myself a nice little table, each
of us a rocking chair an doll's dressed
up in long clothes, please bring my sister
Florance a little carriage, rocking, an
baby, and please dear Santa Clause don't
forge my old mamy. From little
VIRGIE STUMPF
29-12th

Richmond, Va., Dec. 18, 1895.

Richmond, va., Dec. 18, 1885.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a real good little girl all the year and I hope you will not forget me at Christmas and I wish you would bring me a doll and a blackboard, a bell, a game and a story book. From your little girl WILLIE MONDY. Richmond, Va., Deg. 18, 1895.

Dear Santa Claus:

1 have been a good little girl and 1 am only ten years old. I hope you will not forget me. I would like to have a doll, and a desk, a little lamp, and story book. Now don't forget to come, I am one of your little girls, MARY MONDY. Dear santa Claus:

Dear santa Claus:

I would like a doil a work basket a
pair sissors a double book bag a tea
set a pair of gloves some candy and some
nuts and some fire crackers I will try to
be a good girl, and a belt.

CARRIE STAUDE

1200 west main str richmond

Richmond Dee 18th 1894. Dear Santa Claus; I see that you will be at the Dispatch office on your strival in Richmond. And I want you to bring me a nice present for my Mama and Papa, I would rather see them happy than to be so myself. Hoping that you will not

remain your little frind.
FANNY TREVILLIAN.

Richmond Va. Dec. 18, 1895. Dear Santa Claus:

I wants a writing desk and a doll and set of dishes sister wants a doll and set of dishes and a stove, and candy cakes, and christmas tree

KATIE AND LUCY MESSERSCHMIDT.

212 west Broad st

410 S Pine st. 1895.

Dear Santa Claus:

1 am a little boy 10 years old. Have tried to be a good boy for the last 12 months-Faudy hard and ray to learn. If you doubt what I say, you ask my teacher Miss Nannie Pegram. You must bring me-10 packs of poperackers-25 Roman Candles-39 baby Wakers-a lot of candy-dates-figs-raisins-nuts-a rice neck tie-all sike-a nice cap-a sled and any other present you choose for me-will be gladly received-flom your little boy CHAMBERS WOODSON

410 S Pine st. Richmond Va., Dec 18th 1895.

Dear Santa Clause:
Please bring me a large wax doll—lots
of new dressee-a pair of kid gloves (No.
5)-a sled-a pair of skates-a diamond
ring (the latest style)—Oh Santas! bring ring (the latest style—on santas one in the of candy, 25 lbs figs, dates, raisins & nuts, mixed—a work box with scissors and thimble (br I can sew,) And you might bring me 1-2 dozen large gingham aprons for 1 have to wash dishes and make beds (to belp mamma), I would love to see you with your 8 reindeers—but I promise you I'll not peep if you will bringe me all these nice things, your little friend,
SARAH WOODSON.

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Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl, 8 years old, and I live at 216 S. Belvidere St. I would like for you to bring me a Horn, Game, and a pretty Toy, and some candy. My little Brother wants a gun, horn, and a Hatchet, and a great big Orange, and some words. wishing you a very Merry Christmas, I

remain, dear Santa, Your little friend, PAULINE SHOMAKER, Richmond, Va., December 18th, 1895.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a nice desk, and a pair
of shoes and stocking's, and a doll is
all ready dress and that can go to sleep. all ready dress and that can go to seep,
and a pair of kid gloves; and I have three
brothers and one sister. That won't
many things that you can bring all of
us.

GRACE LYLE,
S. Laurel St.

West Point, Va. Dece, 18th, 186.

West Point, Vac. Dece. 18th, 1886.
Dear Santa:
I am a little girl, six years old, please bring me a tea set, chair, table, candy, and nuts, and a pretty ball for my little dog Nig; a doll-baby chair, and a pretty mug for my own self, and I want a little tray cloth to wash. I have the red cotton: And my cat "Thomas" a pair of Shoes.

JULIA JENNINGS.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 18, 1895. Dear St. Claus:

I'm from Michigan where you come to see me last Christmas, and I hope that you will know I have moved to Richmond, So please bring me a rifle and some shot, a sleigh, and some nice books. You have been a friend to me, and I hope you wont forget me.

F. R. LANGLEY,

No. 2719 E. Marshall St.

A little girl that prey MAUD SHERMAN

MAUD SHERMAN

Lear Santa Claus:

I want a new sled and a pair of boots to of baby wakers 10 cts of pop-crackers, a wagon full of caydy and a bag of marbles a box of gum candy, 2 lbs of raisens. a nice large goone and a good malasses cake and tell your wife

Richmond, Va., Dec. 19th, 1895.

Dear Santa Claus:
I only want a few things Christmas, because you were so kind to bring me what I wanted, I will name what I want, a doll, game, and scrap-book.

Good-by your little girl.

NORMA RAGLAND.

Mr. Santa Claus; Dear Old Santa; Please remember me Dear Old Santa; Please remember me to the extent of the articles below. Esquimaux baby, Cakes and candy, Baby house also some books and last but not least fire crackers, Your fond baby, MARY LOUIS.

Dear Santa Claus:

The Dispatch said that you are in Mount Airy, Driftcloud Territory how can you be there and on 2 and Broad in Sycles winder too, if you are going around please bring me a tool-chest, noahs ark, Express wagon, tin soldiers, foot ball floating animals and a ship that will float on the water.

FRANK HARTMAN.

Dec 18 1895. Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl, eight years old. I have no Papa to give me presants. I would like you to bring me a brown-eyed doil, and a pocket kalfe. Send it to 307 West Clay St. I go to Leigh school. Your little girl. EFFIE ELLIOTT.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 18, 1895. Dear Santa Claus:

I wish a pair of kid gloves, and some handkerchiefs, and a bureau set, and a wash stand set, two games, some candy and nuts, and a brush and comb for my

From your little Friend,
LOUISE M. RICHARDSON,
I will go to bed at eight o'clock sharp.

Dear Santa Claus:

As you wish to hear from all the little girls, I thought I would write you a nice little letter.

Picase bring me every-thing I ask you, as last year you did not. The first I want is a writing desk, and a infant doll, and a large doll, a pair of kid gloves and a doll cradle, and some books, and games. Doll wardrobe, and a rocking chair,

BLANCH MARIE PHAUP.

My little sister Bessie says you must

My little sister Bessle says you must come to see her. And bring her a dar baby, and a baby tarriage. From BABY BESSIE.

220 W. Main St.

Dec. 18th, 1895.

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My Dear Santa Claus:
I am writing you To The "Dispatch" because I am afraid you wont come here to my house, and I read your letter. I want a "kick-up doll" and a little set of furniture, and a book called "Sara Creene". I have been very good, so Grand ma says, so hope you u'll send them. With much love,

BESSIE JACKSON,
100 W. Franklin St.

Dec 18th 1895 Richmond Va
100-W-Franklin st.

My Dear Santa Claus:
My grandma says you are not going
to bring me much, but do I want you
to leave me something at the "Dispatch"
office, I want a foot-ball, and a scareface
and a rifle. I hope you will stay a long
time in Richmond With lots of love.

WILLIAM JACKSON
100 West Franklin St.

. . . 12-18 1895

Dear Mr. Santa Claus: I don't want much but what I want I want badly. So act accordingly, Please send an Buck Board one Goat an Ex-press wagon, an Express wagon, one drum. Some Symbals one Loceped, & anything else you can't find any one to take Your little frd. anything else you take. Your little frd PEYTON LEWIS

Dear Santa Claus: Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a set of deashes a
table a Baby Carriage a Washing set but
if you havent enough things for all
little Childrer; that havent any papa
just bring me some auts and candy for
dont you feel sorry for little children
that havent any dear Papa on christmas.
LOTTIE BENEDICT
2007 E Marshall St

Richmond Va. Dec. 18-1895

Richmond va. Dec. 19-183

We wrote you a letter last week and told you what we would like to have. I hope you got our letter We are-2-little boys and Allan cant write yet—so I have to write for both of us. We try to be good and hope you will bring what we wrote for—we did not send our other letter to Mr. Dispatch, but—reckon you got it.

got it.
ROLLINS AND ALLAN AMMONS
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N-22nd STREET. 12-18-195

Dear Santa Claus:

The Mr. Dispatch notified us of your coming, & said if we would write to you at his office, you would get it. So please don't give away all of the patrol-wagons & flat sleighs before you get to my house, as I am anxious for them, & please save me lots of other pretty things, I am too small to write myself, so got my mamma to write for me.

COALTER HANCOCK,
2216 E. Grace St., Richmond, Va.

Manchester Dec 18

Dear Santa:

I don't want much but please bring me these—one big doll baby carriage a parlor suit with swinging lamp and piano all just like mama's, and hit nigger sam on the head and the bell will ring and a soldier suit if I am a girl a white muff and mink with short hair pease don't forget mama and Pana forget mama and Papa, JANIE WALKER.

Dec 18th Dear Santa Claus:

I wish you would bring me two packs of pop crackers, and some whistling bombs and some devil chasers and two roman candles, and a small croquet set, what you play on the table and some torpedoes, and oblige

LEWIS LICHTENSTEIN

21 E. Clay St.

21 E. Clay St. Dec 18th 1895

Dear Santa Claus:

I am only a little girl, But I want a great Big Christmas tree, wif lots and lots of Booty fings on it, and a great big doll and Carriage, to wide her in. Send them to Fulton to little

MAREE ANDREWS Dear Santaclaus:

Dear Santaclaus:

Do not forget me Christmas eve. I am not going to ask you for much because mana says he is very poor but I think he is poor every year I will be satisfile with anything with a merry christmas to you. I remain, OSCAR THORPE Dec. 18, 1895

Dear Santa Claus: Dear Santa Class:

I would like to have a pretty doll and
a set of furniture for my doll, as I hav'nt
any. I would also like to have a nice tea set and a pair of slippers for my doll.

I will be glad to have any of these things you chose to send me. Your little friend, SUSIE A. WALDROP 517 W. Marshall

Dear Dispatch: I want Sant Claws to come quick bring I want Sant Claws to come quick bring me billy gote wegin and dont forget the billy cause I aint got none and soldier suit and a whole crowds of good things and a whip and hatchet one whear George Washington had that didnt never tell a story, tel Papa to bring me some thing from North Calina you loving little boy GEORGIE MINTER

Richmond Va Dec 19th

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Dear Santa Claus:
As it is near time for you to Come I
thought I would ask you not to forget to
Call at 601 pine st and bring a doil &
Stove and some pretty toys and please
do not forget I have a little brother
and please bring him something real nice
as It Is his first christmas this Is from
a little girl that preys for you every pight.

MAUD SHERMAN

to make it, and a canon with 2 lbs of powder 12 lbs of shot.

D. RALPH MIDYETTE 1022 West Main St

Dear Sant Claus:

Please send me a fire man suit a box of soldiers I would like a great many more other things But if you will send me some fire-works I will be much oblige to you, my name is Willie Krug I live at Dear Santa Claus:

I would like for you to bring me a gold ring and a doll bureau and some candy and nuts, orange, raisins, and a apple, and send me one of Mrs. Santa clauses cakes I recond they are very nice. Your most loving child.

MATTIE MIDYETTE

Dear Santa Claus:

My name is Walter Neison, and I am a good little boy, so I thought I would write Santa Claus what I want him to Walter Santa Claus what I want him to Wagon. bring me. A Billy-goat & a Wagon, Hookin-Ladder some Candles, some Nuts, & a set of Trains, & please bring them & a set of Trains, & please bring them to Waiter Neison 4631-2 E. Clay. Age 5 years.

My Dear Old Santa Claus:

I am a little boy four years old, I thought I had better let you know what I would like to have First—a hook & ladder & a wagon & harness so I can hitch a Billy Goat to it. & a horn & gun with belt & builits & Buffalo Bill & a sieigh & Bugsy whip & a train of cars. & a drawing slate & tool chest & two pretty picture Books Jack the Giant Killer & three bears, & I am going to have both my stockings up Please fill one with fireworks & the other with lots of good things & I will be the best boy in Richmond with love WINSTON BEAZEAL, Dear Old Santa Claus:

Bring me a doll baby while I am a girl I am a girl now. Candy with a box in it, Engine like Robbies, Napkin ring & a cup & saucer, some nuts, figs and dates, a wheel-barrow, some marbles, a book & a heap of other things. Your little three year boy friend,

LALA WILLIS,

1702 Grove Ave.

Dear Santa Claus:

I will write to inform you that we have moved to 215 So. Pine St. You were very kind to us last Christmas and I hope you will be equally so this Christmas. I will not ask for anything particular for I know you have so many children to go to see, for there are 4 of us, Ira, Irwin, Pearl, and myself. Please don't pass us by.

From your little friend,

KUBY PRIDDY. Dear Santa Claus:

635 N 5th st

Swansboro Va Dec 18 1895

RUBY PRIDDY.

Swansboro Va Dec 18 1889
Dear Mr. Santaclaus:
I am nine years old please bring me some fireworks a book and lots of good things to eat please bring my little Cousin Ennis a wagon he is too small to write I am going to bed at eight o'clock I live at thirtythird and Stockton street, Swansboro Va.

ROY HUGHES

212 1-2 W. Marshall St. 2121-2 W. Marshall St.

My Dear Santa Claus:

I am 41-2 years old and Roy is just 3.

Please bring us some toys. I want a
doll up to my waist and Roy wants a big
wagon and he says "chery-sing." We
are going to put a chair for you to rest in
cause we know you'll be tired. I want
a carriage, and a little doll-baby rocking
chair and a set of dishes and lounges and Boy wants a boy baby and some soldie things. Lovingly, BESSIE DUDLEY.

Richmond Wednesday Dec 18th 1895. Dear Santa Claus: Dear Santa Claus:

I am going to write you a letter, and tell you what I would like to have for Christmas. I will not ask for much as, you have so many little girls that will expect presents from you. I would like to have a doil and a bedstead a washstand-set a story book a chair and a Christmas Tree if it doesent cost too much. From LENORA SCHUTTE.

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My Dear Uncle Santa:

I am awfully afraid the little girls will tease you nearly to death, but if you are to be killed that way—look out—here goes another lick at you—I will not ask for but one thing, which is real nice of me ain't it? I have a doll-baby carriage and a doll to ride in it, but she will sit straight up with both eyes open, watching me all the time, and I want a sleeping doll so when she goes to sleep in her carriage. I will have a chance to talk to the boys—please dont think me naughty, because you know the big girls like to flirt with the boys and the little girls are bound to imitate them. So let girls are bound to imitate them. So let the sleeping doll come along. Your little girl, V. TAYLOR,

Dear Mr. Santa Claus:
I am afraid I will be the last one of
the boys who are begging you not to pass
their stockings by but if I am. it has
been said "the last shall be first. &c." So take due notice and govern yourself ac-cordingly. I will not ask for much for fear you might have to make an assignment before my turn comes. I would be very glad to have a sled, and then when the snow comes I will Hurrah! for old Santa so loud that you will hear me,

even if you shall have gone back home. I will try to be a good boy, but it is mighty hard to be, when lessons are hard, and teacher cross, as mine always is, except on Sunday, when she is at church, and then Oh! my! she is a "Dar-ling" Saint. Good bye. Your little boy. H. TAYLOR. 606-25th St.

To Santa Claus:

Dear. Old Santa—I write you a few lines to let you know what I want. I want a doll-Baby and Baby Carriage to ride my Baby in, also dishes, stove and table. I will hang my stocking up and I want you to fill it with candy cakes and nut. Please don't forget to bring my little nut. Please don't forget to bring my little brother Ryland a Hobby-horse and horn I write this for him because he is a little boy and can't write. I will go to bed early and won't wake till morning. Please

lon't forget us.
I am one of your children.
CELESTE T. HAYNES.

Dec. 19 '95.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 19 '95, Dear Santa Claus: As Christmas is approaching I must inform you of what I desire. I would like for you to bring me a doil, and a carriage, and a rocking chair, a table and a pair of mits, a vail and a Christmas tree and now dear Santa Claus as I have mentioned all I desire I remain your

loving little girl
ANNIE SCHLUETER, No. 619 W 1st St.

Dear Old Santa Clause: Please bring me one block house, one fiddle, one horne, one box of poperackers, one nice goat wagon with two seats, one nice whip for my goat wagon one carpenter chest, with a bench to work on. From your dear little boy

GRAYSON X NICKEL, mark 114 E. Main st city.

Richmond, Va., Dec 18th 1895.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll-baby carriage
a tea-set a large Doll that can open &
shut her eyes and some fire crackers
I will be thankful for anything but I want all I have written for something for Mother my Brothers and Paga I want a pair of Scissors too and a knife and Sweater my Brothi also a Bicycle This will do from little Friend

FANNIE C. TARRELL,

Mayos Island Dec. 18, 1895,

Dear Santa Claus:

I read in the Dispatch to-day that you was on your way here. So I will tell you what I want I want a doll and a doll's bedstead and any thingelse you think will suit a little girl. There is so many children here. That I know you will have to remember them too. I live on Mayo's Island my name is Pearl Mer-rith. Uncle Jimmie will not charge you

Dear Santa Claus:

Mama told me I aught to write to you that you would be giad to hear from all the little children my sister Marie wants the little children my sister Marie wants
to write too but she dont know
how she dont go to school yet.
Dear Santa wont you please bring
me a doll that will open and close its
eyes a good bottle of ink a pen and
pen-holder and a nice christmas tree.
Good-by Dear Santa Claus I live at No.
615 E. Broad St. and my name is
ROSENA STEINBRECKER.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 18, '25.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 18, '26.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am very glad to hear that you will be here so soon with your sack full of presents you bring every year. Please bring me a ring, some games, a girl's sleigh and some books. Bring me a lot of candies etc., and I will be good from your little friend NEMMIE RICE, No. 2716 E. Broad st.

Dear Santa Claus:
I heard you were on your way and would soon reach here, please do not slight my stocking, which hangs by the chimney side. I want a pair of bloomers

and leggings for wheel sporting, and a plenty of candy and good things to eat, from your obedient child C. H. No. 2714 E. Broad st.

118 East leigh street.

Dear Old Santa Claus:

Please send me a doll baby, a tea set, a table, a wash set, a Prince paper doll; a Gladys paper doll and a nice pair of kid gloves, and a music box and most any thing you think best for me to have.

Besure to bring me a lot of godies. Your little friend

MAY WALL.

1702 Grove Ave.

Richmond, Va.

1702 Grove Ave.

Richmond, Va. Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a partie dress and a 25c knife and a lunch basket, a boy doil dressed a pair of rubbers for my doil you gave me last Christmas. You know the size of her feet, a churn, a box of French candy. I will go to bed at 8 o'clock and shut my eyes tight.

MARY G. JOHN.

Richmond Va Dec. 18, 1895.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am eight years old and my brother
Henry is four Brother wants a drum and
a gun and a horn and candy. I want a
bible, horn, pocket knife, candy, cakes,
and nuts and Christmas tree.
HENRY AND CLARA MESSERSCHMIDT, 214 W. Broad St. Dear Santa Claus:

I hear you are on your way here please dont for get me I would like for you to bring me a nice big express wogan a book with pictures in it some popcrackers

papy wakes a payn sone nuts candy and oranges if you bring only these I will be a good little boy goodbye JOE SMITH

Dear Santa Claus: I am so glad I can tell you all I wantplease bring me A lock bracelet—a BiG trunk, a big baby, & an infant doll—a dining-table from Mr. Cohen's—a kick-up, a monkey on a string—a box of Huy-lers, but no horns, I am a mighty good tie girl & send my love. CONWAY CHRISTIAN FLEMING

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy about 4 months old and this is my first Christmas you know I cannot have many things but I would like a ring a high chair a rubber baby and a set of gold buttons to put in my dresses so good by dear Old Santa dresses so good bye dear Old Santa Claus I will write you a long letter next Christmas so bring me what I ask for and I will love you ever so much and Oblige, MERRILL R. BALL 715 N. 26th St. City

Decr 18th 1895. I read your advertisement in the Dis-patch & would be very much obliged to you if you would send me a book— "Jo's Boys," I am a little girl of thirteen, Dear Santa Claus: & am collecting a library My address is 302 E. Franklin street. Yours faith-fully ADELE CLARK.

Dear Old Santa Claus: Richmond Va The time is drawing very near for you to make your general rounds and please dont forget to call at No 6% S. Pine St and please dont forget to leave a doll a set of dishes and a table, I will close my eyes tight when you come, so that I cannot see you I remain as ever your little girl. MINNIE BRANSFORD little girl MINNIE Dear Santa Claus:

to bring me some poperackers, and I want you to bring me a wheelii-bbi and I want you to bring me two quarts of oranges, and I want you to bring me a tricycle, and I want you to bring me little writeing dest FIELDING LEWIS,

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a house with a lot
of rooms a store-room, & steps in it &
some groceries to put in the store room & a doil in a nice carriage with a parasol and cooking stove with some cooking things, a born and some poperackers. And please bring for Brother a top, a drum, a horn, and some popcrackers, & a house, but he is so bad I expect you had better bring him a bunch of switches. Your good little girl

JOSEPHINE B. NEWELL,

1319 Grove avenue, Dec 18 1895.

Richmond Va Dec 18, 1895 Richmond Va Dec 15, 1899
Dear Santa Claus:
We are two little sister and Bro you come to see us every year so please dont forget us this Christmas little sister wants a doll baby a carriage and a ring and I want an express wagon shovel and a bucket and a ring & a story book if you will come to see us we will be good all next year Oblige your little children.

good al FRANK AND LULA PEACH

711 N. 26, st City West Point Va I want a lovly doll dress in silk light hair & curis I want a pretty carriage & some books they are at Flickesgine's I want a pair of Tooth Pick Shoes please dont forget me I will be in Richmond bring some candy I will be at granmama

Pease 804 25 street KATIE MABEL PEASE.

809 west Cary at Dear Santa Claus:

I am going to ask you to come to see my little Bro Harry and me, we have nt any Papa this Christmas so thought may be you would forget us, please come to see us and bring Harry a big Express Wagon, a Sielgh and a Pistol and bring me a big Doll a teaset and a Doll carriage Dear Santa Claus please dont forget to come to see your little girl MARY AOSIT BENDALL.

Dear Santa Claus:

Dear Santa Claus:
Please send me a bicycle a large tool
chest a gas lamp a drum a horn and a
monkey climbing a string. Dear Santa
I will be satisfied with these, but if you
do not think I am too small please bring
ma a lot of fire works. I am six years
old. Good bye dear old Santa.

MARSHALL L. BOYLE.

Dear Santa Claus:

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to bring me a pretty doll baby and a nice little carriage to ride her in and a little piano. Santa Claus you said we must not ask for so much as you have so many little girls and boys to see thanking you if you will. go to see thanking you if you will ing them to me I am your good little d. JOSIE M'DOWELL. 712-22nd st.

Richmond, Va.

Richmond, Va., Dec 18, '85.

"Dear Santa":

Please bring me a sled, a foot ball, an express wagon, a gun, a pistol that will shoot (I may need it to force England to yamoose from Venezuela soil—see?). Also bring me a Gatling gun to keep the Richmond police out of saloons, Also bring me money enough to build a Sanitarium

Swansboro. Va Dec 18, 1896.

Dear Good Santa Claus:

We are so glad the Dispatch says you are coming for sure enough. We were a faraid that times were so hard you couldn't come, But if the Dispatch says bring me a Gatling gun to keep the Richmond va Dec 19 1886.

Richmond Va Dec 18, '85.

Bear Good Santa Claus:

PHIL FRAYSER

Richmond Va Dec 19 1886

Dear Santa Claus untill you come PHIL FRAYSER

Richmond Va Dec 19 1886

Dear Good Santa Claus:

Please bring me a jointed doll and a nice little hat and slippers for my doll nice li

to keep American heiresses confined in during the summer months.

URS in haste, LITTLE WILLIE.

Dear Mr. Santa Claus:
Her I am again begging you for anything you see fit for me and my sisters. You did not bring me all I wrote for last Christmas, so I will do as I had too last year take what we could get. I will watch for you. Your loving little boy.

JULIUS HULCHER, 1915 Flord Ave City. 1015 Floyd Ave City.

My Dear Old Santa Claus: I heard you would be hear next Wednesday morning early Mow please Santa bring me a Doll Carriage and any thing eise you choose and please bring my lit-tle Brother Jim a Velociped and we will promise to be good children and go to bed early. KERR AND LITTLE BRO-

> 19 South Pine Street. Richmond Va Dec 18 '95.

Richmond Va Dec 18 '35.

I read your notice in the Dispatch and am rejoiced that you are on your way to Richmond. Pleas bring me a new doll with pretty curls and a cooking stove, a Brownie Tea Set and a nice book. There are other things I would enjoy if I had them but do not want too much from you, because I want you to remember all the little children this Christmas.

Your little girl, EDITH.

Dear Santa Claus: Dear Santa Claus:
Pleas bring me a doll, a ting, a carriage, a teaset, and any thing you choose, to bring besides. I have still every thing you brought me last Christmas. With much love I am.
Yours truly. LUCY T. C. STUBBS,

Williamsburg, New Port news, Va.

Dear Santa Ciaus: I will write you a few lines to let you know that little folks in N. P. N expect you to come to see them as well as those in Richmond. Griffith & Lewis has lots of nice things in their store. I would like to have a new wagon, as some one took the one you brought me before, and a little boy baby and any-thing eise you can spare, please do not forget my little Bro Johnnie, as he is just one year old, and I would like you to bring Papa mama Grandma and Aunt Mollye something, now good bye

WILLIE KRITZER.

New Pot News, Va. Dec 18, 1895. Dear Old Santa Claus: I see in the dispatch that you expect to I see in the dispatch that you expect to be in Richmond soon, I hope you will not forget to come to New Port news, for that is where I live and I will expect you to come to see me, also Bro Willie, and Johnnie. I wish you would bring me a great big doll baby and carriage a plano so I can play Sunday-school and if yo have a little baby to spare I would like to have one to play in the house with, now good bye untill christmas. I forgot to tell you that I am just 3 years old.
ISABELL KRITZER.

Richmond Va Dec 18 95

Richmond Va Dec 18 25
Dear Santa Claus:

I want to tell you to forgive me for being a bad girl you had brought a let of pretty things to my mamas house for me and my sister and brothers and I was a bad girl I went into the room you put them in and peeped in all the bundles he raped up he wrote my mama a letter telling her he took them all away please good Santa Clause bring them all back to us and I will be a good girl and pray for you · · · LIZZIE FOX. pray for you

Dear Santa Clause: I am a little girl six years old, and I want you to please bring me for christ-mas a doll a baby carriage, and a little plano, and any thing else that you mind to bring me, your little friend HELEN TAYLOR 119 E Main St

23 s st., Richmond Va Dear Santa Claus: Dear Santa Claus:
I write to tell you what I want. I want a very large doll I want one that can stand up. I think if I could get this large doll I wouldnt want anything more. I am a very happy little girl, you have always been so good to me.

ELISE HODGSON

P. S. Please send the doll. Dear Santa:

a set of dishes and a table, I will close my eyes tight when you come, so that I cannot see you I remain as ever your little girl MINNIE BRANSFORD Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to bring me the folling things A hoppy horse I want you to bring me a sled I want you to bring me as some babywakers and I want you to many things but do not fool meand bring me any switches for Mamma has a strap as the uses when necessary Good Eve

as she uses when necessary Good Bye Santa Clause ALICE COOPER. Richmond, Va., Dec. 18-95

Dear Santa: Dear Santa:
We are all so glad that Christmas is again here and we like for you to come around and see us. I go to school and Mamma says I am too large for a doll, but I don't think I am to small for an iron stove. I want so many things I am ashamed to ask for them but you can leave me anything but don't put ashe in my stocking. AGNES COOPER.

Dear Good Santa Taus:

My mummy says she thinks I'se been a dood little boy this year, pease bing me a bag of tandy, some nuts, a apple, & orange, en me wants a spress wagon, en me wants a dood siey & a pair of pants. I will ove ou dearly if ou bings em to me my name is little Johny Edward Watkins, Poe St. Barton Heights Va

Dear Santa:

I am going to be a good girl and not peep on Christmas eve when I hear you coming down the chimney with my doll and a book, for me to read, as I go to school and can read. Please dont put ashes in our stockings but fill them with goodles and I will be a good girl if you put five cents in there to.

MARION BATKINS

Dear Santa Claus:
You have been very good to us in past years, so if you will be so kind as to bring something to every poor child I will thank you very much, after that I would like a nice writing desk and some goodies and anything else you may bring me.

LILLIE PERKINS 606 West Cary St

Swansboro Va Dec 18 Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl that lives in Swans-baro & I would like for you to bring me a trycicle & a Book bag & a Fretty doll baby & Pair of Kid Gloves & lots of

other nice things for good little girls as I have been a Real good Girl all this week. So dear santa Claus dont for-get where I live HATTIE B. MORRISSETT Dec 18th Swansboro Va Dec 18th Swansboro Va
Dear Santa Claus:

I am a nice little girl that lives in
Swansboro & I have been a awfully good
little girl & I am goeing to say a dialoge
at the Xmas tree so I want you to bring
me a nice doil that shuts her eyes one
that goes to sleep & I want a baby carriage too I will hang my stocking up
too & if you please I hope you will put
some candy & Hananas in it I will go to
bed early xmas so you can come down the
chimney good by santa claus

EMMIE CLAIRE BURKE

Swansboro Va Dec 18

Dear Santa Claus:

Mama said if I would write you a Postal card you would send me a Velocipede & a foot Ball & mama says if I love allice & sister & dont cry any more that you will bring me all these nice things I did want a tool Box but mama said that you did not have any Piease send them and I live in Swansboro

CONWAY BURKE

send my brother a sled and pair skates send my brother a sied and pair skates and warm gloves and tin horn and send my little sister a big sure-enough doli-baby that shuts its eyes and cries, and a baby carriage with a top on it and a pic-ture book and all of us a stocking full of good things and some poperackers. If you cant bring all these things cause you wont have enough left for the many other children why we will be thankful for just what you can sare, and will be for just what you can spare, and will be happy and thank you ever so much. We are being good now, till Xmas. With love.

BENNE EATON,
WARDIE EATON, EDITH EATON

Swansboro Va Dec. 18 '55.

Swanshoro Va Dec. 18 '55.

Dear Santa Claus:

My name is Basil, and I want you to Bring me a nice little wagon with four wheels on it, and a Heep of cars, with engine in front. I want a Pistol to shoot Really Loud. I want a Big Horn to blow loud, and Some Candy and nuts. Dear Santa Claus Dont for get dout for get My Pop cracker, good by Dear Santa Claus. From BASIL MORRISSETT.

Swansboro Va Dec 18th

Dear Santa Claus:
Please send me a nice express wagen Picase send me a nice express wagon send Big one so I can Haul dirt and sand in it and sometimes I Haul wood in it for mama and a velocipeds for me to Ride, and A Niced Horn for me to hlow, & nice Horse Rains for me to Play Horses, with Bells on it so they will Ring loud, then I want a Pistol to shoot. I am go be a nice Boy all tim. Please don't forget me, Dear Santa Clause. My Name is HARRY MORRISSETT. Live in Swansboro.

Dear Santa:

As I have been a good little girl, I am going to ask you to bring me a few toys I would like to have. Please bring me a doll to ride in my carriage, a tea-set, a mother-goose book, some candy and nuts and any thing else you have that you can spare for me. Also bring my little dog Topsy a rubber ball so he will not play with mine. I will go to bed early and promise not to peop at you. Hoping you will not forget me I am your Hoping you will not forget me I am your little girl ERMA LENA PULLER, 301 W. Marshall St.

Dec 18th 1895

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a very little boy I am not quite
4 years old yet; but I want you to bring
me a wagon, drum and a lot of playthings. I live with my mamma and
papa at No 7 Meadow Bridge Road Richmond Henrico County Va. Henrico Co. Va Dec 18 '%

Dear Santa Claus:

Dear Santa Claus:

Please send me a gold ring with a set in it, and a Doll Carriage and a Doll baby I go to Barton Height school I am a little girl eight years old, my name is Minnie Florence Fischer N i Meadow B. Road Henrico Co. Va.

Barton Heights Dec 19, 18%.
Dear Santa Claus:
As Christmas is nearly here and you ask the boys to let you know what they would like for Christmas I reply by they would like for Christmas I reply by saying please bring me a big lot of pop-crackers, and also another big lot of poperackers and a book called the Ara-bian Nights right full of pictores, and please Santy don't forget the poperackers Truly yours JOHNNIE DROMELLER.

Dear Santa:

I hope you enjoyed your sleigh ride. I know it must have been fine setting behind eight reindeers. If you can spare them, please send me some fire works, a little fire engine and a horn. We will let the fire go out, so you can get down the chimmeny.

the chimmeny.
Good bye WILLIE S. CONNER. Barton Heights Dec 19, 1895.

Dear Santa Claus:

I had commenced to think you did'nt want to hear from the "Dispatch" children, you were so long in sending word for us to write to you. Now Santa as you were so good to send me everything I asked for last Xmas I will write again to let you know what I want I dont want toys I am too big a boy for them am 8 years old now so I just want lots of pop crackers, Robinson Crusce, Gullivers Travels. Yours truly WILLIE DRUMELLER. Barton Heights Dec 19, 1895.

Dear Santa Claus: I will write a few lines to ask you to

please come at 614 S Pine st and don't forget to leave a doll a iron cooking stove a table and a set of dishes I will go to bed soon and close my eyes tight. I re main as ever your little girl JESSIE BARFOOT. Dear Santa Claus: I want a lot of things

tell you things I want most a doll a game and some paper dells and some crimp tissue paper and a lots of candy. good bye old Santa. ETHEL S. LEAKE.

200 S. Sri St Richmond Virginia Dec 18th 1885. Mr. Santa Claus:
I have been looking for you to come for a long time, and you ant to know how I have been tinking of you how glad I will be to se you again after so leas a time. My dear Santa Claus, I want you a time. My dear Santa Claus, I want you to bring me this year a large darl that can taik and a tea set & a box of candy and nice dess, I certainly would like a tricycle if you could give it to me something else get a work box that is all Sc dear Santa claus dont forget me I am so glad you received my letter hast year Good by from your little child BESSIE SULLIVAN.

Dear Santa Claus: Dear Santa Claus:
As you are so good to little children
I dont mind asking you to bring me a
carriage for my Doll and A set of castors and A little play House for my Doll and some candy and I will try and be A good Girl until you come again I hope you will visit Baltimore and carry my little Brothers Some pretty little Toys from your loving little Girl
CASSIE L. SUTHERLAND.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little fellow not yet 18 months old, but I hope I am not too small to ecape your notice—I hardly know what I would like to have will therefore make no selection, but leave it to your better judgment, and beg that you will not forget to call at 2004 E—Broad St. on the morning of the 25th of Dec. Your little friend

the morning the tile friend WHITNEY BLAND SUTTON. and some candy and cakes some nuts and oranges apples and a little drum and a coat. Oblige from HENRY WASH.

Dear Santa Claus:

I will write you a few lines and tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like very much to have a drum to make a little noise with and a nice magic lantern, and I want it to be magic too and I wouldn't mind to be magic too and I wouldn't mind having a nice low sied; I have a high one, and it will break so easy, and besides it is a gir's sled. I want a tree if I can get it and a whole lot of pretty things on it. I want some cake and candy you know that I suppose I want anything else nice that you think will de for a boy like me and now I must finish my letter, so good by. I am your little boy FREDDIE B. EVENSEN.

Dear Santa Clause:

Dear Santa Clause:

I am a little boy five years old I live
in the country and I go to school with
Sister Lilian but do not like to go very
much I have one mile and a half to walk
I hope it will be rice weather so you can
come to see us & bring lots of nice thinge
I want a Billy Goat a wagon a drum
horn some games lots of candy and buts
and be sure to bring Lillie some thing
nice because we play together Good by
Old Santa Claus until you come
PHIL FRAYSER

Richmond Va Dec 19 185 Dear Santa Clause: